

REMARKS

Interview

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and assistance during the interview of December 5, 2007. During this interview, the Examiner and the undersigned discussed Claim 1, and the Examiner suggested a rewording of Claim 1. Applicants have amended Claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner.

As the Examiner agreed in the interview, Claim 1 as amended overcomes the prior rejections of the claims under 35 USC §112 and 35 USC §102. Therefore, independent Claim 1 and those claims dependent thereon are now in an allowable condition.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this amendment, the extension of time, and/or the RCE, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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